

GAME NOTES

Prince George Spruce Kings at Wenatchee Wild

Saturday January 21, 2017



Tonight, the Wenatchee Wild (34-6-4-0, 1st Place Mainland Div.) welcome back the Prince George Spruce Kings (19-19-3-2, 4th Place, Mainland Div.) to wrap up their two-game visit. It's the final night of a six game homestand.

HEAD TO HEAD: This is the last of seven scheduled meetings between these teams, and the Wild have won all six, the first three to open Wenatchee's season on the road in September, then three weeks later at Town Toyota Center, and last night by a score of 6-2. The Wild have outscored the Spruce Kings 41-10 this season. Wenatchee is now 12-1-0 all-time against Prince George.

STREAKING: Wenatchee's **Brendan Harris** comes into tonight's game with a twelve-game scoring streak, with 5 goals and 16 assists during that span. The Wild are 17-1-3 in their last 21 games and have won six straight. Wenatchee also boasts a 29-game point streak at home dating back to last season. The Spruce Kings are 1-5-1 in their last 7.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Brendan Harris continues to lead both the Wild and the BCHL with 78 points (18g, 60a), while Charlie Combs is second in overall points (67) and leads the BCHL with 42 goals. Troy Conzo is second in BCHL assists with 44. Alex Bates leads Wild defensemen with 31 points (2g, 29a). Prince George is led by captain Brett Mennear (21g, 40a), followed by defenseman Tyler Anderson (16g, 21a) and Jared Hovde (14g, 19a). Goalie Tavin Grant has earned the decision in the last 22 consecutive games.

MAGIC NUMBERS: The Wild's Magic Number is 8 to secure home ice in first round, and 22 to earn a Division title.

HOME COOKIN': The Wild continue to enjoy great success at home this season, posting a record of 21-0-2. This year, the Wild have outscored opponents by a total of 128-38 in games at Town Toyota Center.

SPECIAL TEAMS: The Wild lead the BCHL in power play goals (59), shorthanded goals (15), and fewest power play goals against (22). Also, the Wild are the only team to not allow a goal while ON the power play.

LAST WEEK: The Wild punched their postseason ticket by defeating the Alberni Valley Bulldogs on Friday, 4-1 and then blanked Cowichan Valley 6-0 on Saturday, followed by a 3-0 shutout win over Coquitlam on Monday. The Spruce Kings took Chilliwack to overtime before losing at home 6-5 on Friday, then fell to the Chiefs 5-2 on Saturday.

LAST NIGHT: The Wild scored :14 seconds into the game, and Charlie Combs collected his fourth hat trick of the year as the Wild dispatched Prince George, 6-2. The Wild team shutout streak ended at a franchise record 200:14.

MOVING ON: Next week the Wild hop on the bus for games in Langley on Wednesday, Powell River on Friday, and Cowichan Valley on Saturday. The Spruce Kings hit the Interior with games at Merritt, Salmon Arm, and Vernon. The Spruce Kings play 14 of their final 15 games on the road.

MEDIA: Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs at 6:45 pm.

PROMOTIONS: Tonight's game is sponsored by Peoples Bank.